

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 30 remain pending. Claims 1 to 10 and 17 to 30 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1 to 30 have been made subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Group I, claims 1 to 10, 29, and 30, are drawn to a neem seed composition. Group II, claims 11 to 16, are drawn to a method of improving skin appearance using a neem seed composition. Group III, claims 17 to 22, are drawn to a pomegranate composition. Group IV, claims 23 to 28, are drawn to improving skin appearance using a pomegranate composition.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 11 to 16.

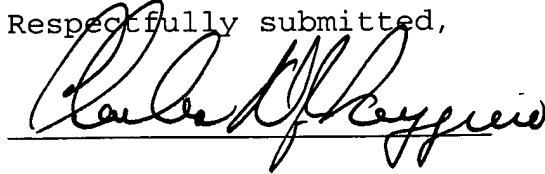
Claims 1 to 30 have been made subject to an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. The species are A) specific composition encompassed by claim 1 and claim 29; B) appearance improvement from those listed in claims 12 to 14, 16, 24 to 26, and 28, and C) additional ingredient from those listed in claim 20.

From A), Applicants elect a composition having neem seed cell broth and *Salvia miltorrhiza* extract. From B), Applicants elect the improvement of prevention and/or reduction in appearance and/or depth of lines and/or wrinkles. An election is an additional ingredient in C) from those listed in claim 20 is no longer called for since that claim has been cancelled and the additional ingredients do not otherwise appear in the elected Group II, claims 11 to 16.

Reconsideration of claims 1 to 30 is deemed warranted in view of the foregoing, and allowance of said claims is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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